

Phonics and the Teaching of Reading

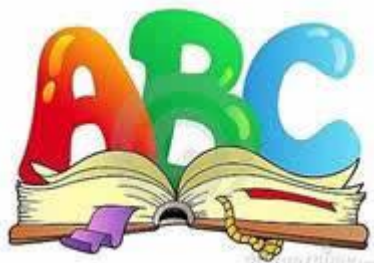
At Oakthorpe, we promote enjoyment of reading for pleasure. We are Bonkers about Books!

We therefore use 'real books' in our daily literacy lessons and in guided reading sessions and also provide children with a range of 'levelled/banded' books, as well as books from reading schemes, to support their progression in reading.

In Reception, children take home a book from the 'Rigby Reading Scheme' and in KS1 they take home books from schemes including 'The Oxford Reading Tree' or 'New Way', and sometimes a 'banded/levelled' easy reader chapter book, depending on their needs. In addition, children have the opportunity to choose a book from the class library. Older children choose books to take home and read. We also have a selection of banded books and some children will have access to the 'Rapid' series of books to help develop their confidence as readers.

Children across the school take part in guided reading. In Reception and Year 1 this is 4 times a week and is called supported reading. This is a highly structured programme with each group of children led by an adult. In Years 2 – 6, children work in groups on reading activities with an adult or independently, between one and three times a week. During these sessions children have the opportunity to develop reading strategies and to discuss texts in detail, whilst teachers model reading strategies during shared reading sessions. Children, especially in KS1, have opportunities to read individually with an adult which provides time for both assessment and individual teaching.

We encourage parents to listen to their child read daily, to talk about books and to read to their children. We believe that this helps to develop reading skills, and also supports a lifelong love of reading.



We recognise that in the early stages of learning to read, phonics plays an important role. The main phonics scheme we use is Read Write Inc., although teachers are able to draw on resources from other schemes, including Jolly Phonics and Letters and Sounds in order to meet the needs of all the children.

Children are taught in small groups for daily discrete phonic sessions, according to their needs and learning is reinforced in literacy lessons and guided or individual reading sessions. While phonics is mainly taught in Reception and KS1, it often continues to be taught throughout KS2 depending on a child's needs.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to listen to all the sounds (phonemes) your child will learn at school. You may also like to look at <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/tag/parents/>

Please read our Literacy Policy or speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information on reading and supporting your child